

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 2000 - HB 1939**

February 28, 2014

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Creates additional requirements for certain authorized dispensers of opioids and benzodiazepines. Prior to dispensing, an authorized dispenser shall require the recipient to present a suitable form of identification. If the recipient is paying in cash or money order, the recipient must provide a signature. A licensed pharmacist may only dispense and mail or deliver a valid prescription for opioid or benzodiazepine if the signature of the recipient is obtained at the time of actual delivery. This act shall not:

- Require the same person taking possession of the opioid or benzodiazepine to be the same person for whom the prescription is written;
- Apply to opioids or benzodiazepines dispensed by a licensed veterinarian for non-human patients;
- Apply to drug samples dispensed by a health care prescriber; or
- Apply to opioids or benzodiazepines dispensed to
  - Inpatients of a hospital;
  - Outpatients of hospital where the authorized prescriber writes the order into the patient's medical record and the prescription drug order is given directly to the hospital pharmacy for dispensing;
  - Residents of a nursing home or an assisted care living facility;
  - Inpatients or residents of a mental health hospital or residential facility;
  - A DEA-registered drug treatment program; or
  - Individuals incarcerated in a local, state or federal correctional facility.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

**Assumptions:**

- According to the Department of Health, any necessary rulemaking by the Board of Pharmacy can be accomplished during regularly scheduled meetings.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-29-121, all health related boards are required to be self-supporting over a two-year period. The Board of Pharmacy had closing balances of \$85,209 in FY11-12, \$296,813 in FY12-13, and a closing reserve balance of \$1,226,219 on June 30, 2013.

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**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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